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WARSAW FOR AMB RIDGWAY, FISHERIES DELEGATION

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SUBJECT: ECUADOR AND ARTICLE 53

REF: QUITO 4991

1. AMB RIDGWAY OUT OF THE COUNTRY ON EXTENDED NEGOTIATING TRIP, BUT FOLLOWING IS DEPTS CURRENT THINKING RE ART 53 IN LOS.

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2. U.S. NEGOTIATORS, WHILE NOT FULLY SATISFIED WITH ARTICLE 53 AS IT NOW STANDS IN REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT, DO NOT INTEND TO INITIATE MAJOR EFFORT WITH LATIN AMERICAN STATES TO AGAIN SEEK AGREEMENT ON A MORE DETAILED ARTICLE 53. WE BELIEVE THAT A SHORT, MORE GENERAL ARTICLE THAT DOES NOT PREJUDICE CRITICAL QUESTIONS OF MEMBERSHIP, VOTING, AND COASTAL STATES RIGHTS OR PREFERENCES HAS BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS ON A CONFERENCE-WIDE BASIS, AND WILL IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTION FOR US INTERESTS.

3. SHOULD OTHERS INITIATE EFFORTS TO RECONSTITUTE EASTERN PACIFIC WORKING GROUP WE WOULD, OF COURSE, PARTICIPATE, BUT ARE FEARFUL THAT SUCH AN EFFORT COULD LEAD TO MORE UNFAVORABLE TEXT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE. WE WILL CONSULT CLOSELY WITH ECUADOR AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATES RE ARTICLE 53 AS WELL

AS FUTURE REGIONAL TUNA ARRANGEMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE CERTAINLY PREPARED TO EXPLORE WITH GOE REPS ANY PROPOSALS THEY MAY HAVE FOR MODIFYING ARTICLE 53. WE INTEND OURSELVES TO PROPOSE SOME MODIFICATIONS TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE ARTICLE DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH GOE AND OTHER AFFECTED DELEGATIONS AS WE PROCEED DURING SESSION. KISSINGER

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